DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 5573-123

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FT-RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC MEASUREMENT

the specification of which		•
is attached hereto		
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was filed on August 25, 2000 as United S	States Application No. 09/6	549,447 or PCT
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

None			[] Yes [] No
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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In re: Whittle et al.

Serial No.: 09/649,447

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: FT-RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC

MEASUREMENT

Date: December 11, 2000

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

In reviewing the filing receipt (copy attached) for the above referenced application, Applicant notes that the title appears as FT-RAMAN SPECTRODCOPIC MEASUREMENT.

Applicant respectfully requests that the title be corrected to read FT-RAMAN SPECTROSCOPIC MEASUREMENT and that a corrected filing receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title

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A) Robert R. Whittle B) Frederick D. Sancilio C) Grayson Walker Stowell	aaiPharma Inc. 2320 Scientific Park Drive Wilmington, C 21405		
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes X_No			
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THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Robert R. Whittle, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5006 Pine Needles Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403;

Frederick D. Sancilio, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2332 Ocean Point Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405; and Grayson Walke St. well, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 710 Darwin Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405 and

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **FT-Raman Spectroscopic Measurement**, for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2000, under Serial No. 09/649,447, and

WHEREAS, aaiPharma Inc., a North Carolina corporation having a principal place of business at 2320 Scientific Park Drive, Wilmington, State of North Carolina 28405, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings in a lying said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

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